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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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New Advertisements.

The following new advertisements appear in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT:

— Town Election.
— Notice—Farmers.
— Wanted—Partner.
— Johnson's Liniment, etc.
— Payne G. Green—Carpets.
— Public Sale—E. M. Callister.
— For Rent—Convenient Rooms.
— Money to Loan—William Green.
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— For Rent—Office, Main and Scott sts.
— D. L. Dunning—Books and Stationery.
— For Rent—Dwelling, West Main street.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

— St. Valentine's day falls upon Sunday next.

— The ground hog went into his hole again Tuesday of last week, and pulled the hole in after him.

— Twenty Shares of the stock of the People's National Bank were sold this week at $110 per share.

— The young gentlemen of Odessa have arranged for a social dance at Odessa Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

— A very fine clock was chanced off at Wilson's Cigar store on Saturday night last and was won by Jas. U. G. Reynolds; the lucky number being 65.

— Everybody who had a horse that could go at all had him out on the road this week, and seemed willing to bet any amount of money on his speed and endurance.

— Pocomoke City, lighted by electricity, now desires a park, with shade trees and babbling brooks, and cozy nooks, where two, with souls as one, may rest.—[Wicomico Record.

— Why not light our streets with electricity and buy a steam fire engine this year? Smaller towns upon the Peninsula than Middletown are way ahead of us in such matters.

— THE TRANSCRIPT is way up in the front rank and keeping step to the music in all that goes to make up a first class family and local newspaper; and will still continue to lead the procession.

— See here, you flowers-that-bloom-in-the-spring-tra-la young man, we have had about enough of that sort of thing. Go see the "Little Tycoon" and you won't want any more comic opera for a fortnight.

— Terrific floods are reported at all points in consequence of the great rain of yesterday; great loss of property is reported at various points and much suffering among poor people. We have not learned of any serious local damage.

— The three farms, late the property of Wm. Bennett, deceased, at St. Georges, advertised for sale on Tuesday the ninth were not sold. The bids were not considered high enough and it has been decided to dispose of the property at private sale.

— List of unclaimed letters in the post-office at Middletown, Del. for the week ending Feb. 6th 1886: Frank Carty, Mrs. Sarah Mohney, George Sweatman, Mary Simmons, F. R. Smith. Persons calling for the above letters must say they are advertised.

— The quality of the paper upon which THE TRANSCRIPT is printed this week is not all that could be desired and not what we have been in the habit of using heretofore. We have ordered a large supply of the better kind and shall not run short again very soon.

— The *Cecil News* lifts up its voice and cries lustily "for a frost that will everlastingly kill the [peach] prophets." We have no objection to the *News'* wish being fulfilled, but it would not alter the fact that good judges are of the opinion that the peach crop of '86 is "everlastingly" hurt already.

— G. T. Eichmann, 506 Arch street, presents his advertisement in another column. He has taken the business formerly conducted by Eichmann & Meier which firm is well and favorably known here. We bespeak for him a share of the patronage of our readers and can assure them of good and generous treatment at his hands.

— The Ladies of the M. E. Church at Sassafras will preceed the supper on Tuesday evening the 16th, by Howell's pleasing drama of "The Register." The leading character will be taken by a lady well known in Middletown, who will be sure to please. On Wednesday evening the laughable Ballad of Mary Jane will be illustrated in shadow pantomime. The entertainment for Thursday to be announced. Admission to entertainment 10cts. Free admission to supper.

— A Maryland young man was in town on Tuesday, putting his horse through his choicest paces up and down Main street. Some how the horse's gait did not altogether suit the young man, so he stood up in his sleigh and cruelly lashed the animal, The upshot of the whole affair was that the animal got one of his hind feet caught in the shafts and was thrown to the ground, the driver was thrown out. The sleigh was broken and the horse cut about the legs. The driver was more fortunate and only hurt a little.

— The following item went astray in our copy drawer last week: On Monday Feb. 1st, George Jones and Joseph Bowman of Warwick, were returning home from Middletown in Jones' team. The horse became frightened near Harry Crocket's lane, became unmanagable and threw both gentlemen out. Mr. Jones was seriously hurt about the face and one hip. Mr. Bowman was seriously hurt about the face and body. The injured men were attended by Dr. Wright. The horse ran nearly to the Maryland line and was stopped by James Jackson. The wagon and harness were badly damaged.

— Down in Jersey there is a little paper published with which we were once intimately connected. In looking over its local column we find that out of thirty-six items composing it, nineteen refer directly or indirectly to the snow and cold weather. We know that these are almost inexhaustable subjects and how Scott ever let the seventeen other items creep in is more than we can imagine. It takes a man of no mean ability to write nineteen items on two subjects that are almost inseperable, and yet have no two of them alike. It shows to what perfection the profession may attain. It also shows to what an alarming degree "winter resorts" in that delectable region.

— Harry Mullen blew himself out of breath and had a fit of nervous prostration at the serenade given Mr. Henry Foster by the band last evening. He is all right to-day.

— Ex-Governor Cochran celebrated his 77th birthday on Saturday Feb. 6th, and as is his custom had his sons and daughters with their wives and husbands to dine with him. The governor is still hail and hearty, and we wish him many more just such happy returns.

About People You Know.

— Misses Helen and Bessie Morton returned from Washington on Monday.

— Mr. Cyrus Tatman, of Millville New Jersey, is visiting relatives in Middletown.

— Miss Laura Beatty of Engleside, Md., is visiting Mrs. Thomas Cochran, near Middletown.

— Mrs. C. J. Vandegrift, of McDonough, is visiting the Misses Hoffecker of this village.

— Miss Minnie de Coursey, of Bohemia Manor, is visiting Miss Nan Hayes, near Middletown.

— Mr. Charles Atkins, of Milton, visited Mr. Ephraim Beasten, of Mt. Pleasant, last week.

— Miss Ella Hoffecker of near Baltimore who has been visiting her sister Mrs. A. Metten, near here, returned home on Tuesday.

— Mr. Frank Vandegrift, who has been at Crisfield, Md., in the tinning business for the past two years, has returned to Middletown, and is now stopping with his father here.

Who?

The town ordinances, commissioners, constable and all were apparently snowed under by the recent storm. The ordinance against fast driving on the streets seemed to have been declared off this week and there was lots of sport in the racing line. It was great fun for participants and spectators, so long as no accident happened, but suppose someone or someone's property had been injured, who would have to blame then? Would it have been the Town Commissioners or the citizens who disregarded the law?

A Long Stride in Advance.

To the Editor of the Transcript:

SIR.—I have thought for some time past that your paper, both for its matter and the manner in which it is gotten up, was a credit both to yourself and to the town in which it is a valuable and leading organ of intelligence, but your *enlarged* and BEAUTIFULLY PRINTED paper of last week is a long stride in advance of all previous issues, and compares very favorably with any of our metropolitan journals. If your success equals your merit it will be large indeed. One good respectable and ably edited journal like yours is worth more than a dozen mere penny trumpets, except it be for kindling the fire. Wishing you all the success that your skill and enterprise deserve, I remain, yours truly.

A CONSTANT READER.

Middletown Feb. 9th, 1886.

The Peach Crop.

A KILLING FROST, AND A SHORT CROP IN PROSPECT.

Reports vary as to the extent of the damage done the peach crop by the recent severe cold weather, but it is certain that the damage is very severe. In the immediate vicinity of Middletown it does not appear that the crop is so badly injured, but a gentleman from Middletown who has inspected orchards in the vicinity of Smyrna says the extreme cold did great damage there. One of our residents who has extensive peach interests in Queen Anne's county, and who is a gentleman of mature judgement upon such matters, tells a sad tale of the condition of things in Queen Anne's. He reports the damage to be as bad as that of 1881, and that in that county there will not be over one tenth the usual crop. Some varieties are not so badly hurt as others, among these are Stumps, Wards Late, Old Mixon and Silver Medal; but all yellow peaches have suffered very much.

Townsend Loan Association.

The annual meeting of the Mutual Loan Association of Townsend was held on Monday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Geo. M. D. Hart, D. B. Maloney and L. V. Aspril Jr., directors for three years; John F. Staats, president; George L. Townsend, vice president; and W. A. Scott treasurer. The report of the treasurer for the year ending January 11th was submitted. We glean the following items from the report: Receipts for all series for dues, interest, premiums, fines and fees; with cash at commencement of year's $15,633.50. The disbursements of all series were: Loans $14.600; withdrawls, $541; interest on withdrawls, $23.83; expenses $187.17; cash in treasury $281.50. Total assets, $16,420.08; total liabilities $16,420.08. The net profit on each share this year has been: First series, $2.65½; second series, $1.81; third series 99c. The present value of shares are: first series, $40.36½; second series, $26.49; third series $12.99. Thirty-five shares of stock of the fourth series have been issued. Money sold at from 21 to 44 cents premium.

Hints and Observations.

— Many men are what the world calls great; very few men are what God calls good.

— Both steel and man are worthless without temper, and both are spoilt by too much heat.

— People are pretty much like clothes, a great deal has to be done to keep them clean and whole.

— To have your opinions endorsed is the subtlest form of praise—a form of praise that all men enjoy.

— The whole universe is not merely dependent on, but actually is the will of one Supreme Intelligence.

— The advance of natural science is now steadily leading us to the conclusion that there is no motion without mind.

— What is our life but an endless flight of winged facts or events! In splendid variety these changes come, all putting questions to the human spirit.

— The unanswerable argument for christianity is a christian. And if you see a man who discredits religion, you will generally find that it is because some alleged christian has sold him addled eggs.

— Amid the mysteries which become the more mysterious the more they are thought about, there will remain the one absolute certainty that we are ever in the presence of an Infinite and Eternal Being from whom all things proceed.

— The law of heredity as well as Scripture asserts that "no man liveth unto himself," and furnishes a powerful incentive to parents to gain high attainments in religious and moral culture because such attainments, far more certainly than material acquisitions, become the inheritance of those whose life is derived from them.

— Colonel James Wallace, the heaviest peach grower of Dorchester county, who is regarded as good authority on such matters, gives it as his decided opinion that the crop will be very short if it is not entirely destroyed in that county.

The Ship Canal.

THE CANAL SURE TO BE BUILT.—AUTHENTIC AND INTERESTING NEWS.

We find the following article in a prominent position upon the editorial page of the *New York Times* of the issue dated Sunday, February 7th:

"One of the bills about which the members of the House committee on Railways and Canals are said to be considerably excited is a bill for the construction of a ship canal across the neck of the Delaware Peninsula from the head of Chesapeake Bay to the head of Delaware Bay. This bill was introduced by Mr. Findlay, [of Maryland.] But why should they puzzle their brains about it? The construction of a ship canal on the very route specified was undertaken last fall by a company of capitalists under an act of incorporation that limits the tolls to 20 cents a ton. In October last the contract had been taken by a New York firm, and the right of way for almost the entire distance had been secured. Why should not this company do the work? Perhaps the promoters of the bill intend that the government shall spend $10,000,000 or $15,000,000 in paralleling the work of those who are willing to invest their money in the enterprise."

The canal mentioned above is the Delaware and Maryland Ship Canal of which there has been so much said in these parts of late and the contractors mentioned are Messrs. Ferguson & Fairchild, of New York who will build the canal.

We now have full authority for stating that the construction of the canal will be begun at an early day. The entire route is now secured, either by purchase or by decree of the court, or by the jurors called for under the charter in matters of controversy as to the amount of damages to be paid for lands taken. The reports that the parties interested in the enterprise were unreliable, that they were connected with a scheme to sell out to a railroad company, and various other stories which have been afloat, detrimental to the enterprise and its projectors have not the slightest foundation in fact, and are the results of petty jealousy, or mere wantoness. In substantiation of these statements we are further informed that the Canal Company has an absolute proposition for all the bonds of the company. Money sufficient for the construction of the entire work has been offered by two syndicates in New York and one in London. The canal will surely be built. There is no lack of money or means and the company certainly means business, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Canal Company is represented here by Mr. Wm. H. Selkirk, who does and has spent a large portion of his time here since the company began negotiations for the right of way.

A Canning Factory.

Mr. H. L. Arthur, of Aberdeen, Harford county, Md., announces in our advertising columns his intentions of starting a canning factory in Middletown and wants to meet the farmers at Maxwell's hotel to make contracts with them to furnish him with tomatoes. Mr. Arthur come here well recommended as to his capacity for the work and also as to his financial ability to carry it on and deserves the hearty support and co-operation of the farmers of this vicinity. The capacity of the concern he proposes to start will be from 10,000 to 15,000 cases per season and will give employment to from 60 to 70 hands. This enterprise should be encouraged in every way possible. It will be a benefit not only to the trades people of the town, but to the farmers of the whole section, and we sincerely hope that no one will stand in the way of his own benefit and the benefit of the public at large, by not aiding by every means in his power the establishment of such an industry in Middletown. We hope the meeting will be largely attended and that Mr. Arthur will feel very much encouraged by his reception here.

Mr. Arthur has rented the old foundry building and the use of Colonel Hanson's scales.

Anything to Beat a Railroad.

In speaking of the movement of the general passenger agents to head off the ticket-scalpers, the New York *Daily Indicator* says:

"The railroads have not adopted the rule requiring limited tickets to be used only for continuous train rides, without excellent reasons. The roads have no desire to prevent passengers from stopping over at places along their lines. On the contrary, they have heretofore made it as convenient as possible for people to do this very thing. But how has the traveling public shown its appreciation of the courtesy? Simply by trying, in every possible way, to swindle the railroads whenever they saw a chance. A man wants to go to Buffalo—what does he do? Buys a ticket to Chicago, and when he gets to Buffalo sells the unused portion of his ticket to a scalper. The railroad is doubly cheated. First, it carries the original swindler to Buffalo for less than it takes a passenger who is too honest to indulge in the luxury of cheating the railroad; and, second, it carries another man from Buffalo to Chicago at less than the regular rate. The posted traveler, who cannot arrange to buy more tickets than he intends to use, never thinks of going to the railroad office for the tickets he wants. He patronizes the scalper, and helps that one to skin the railroad. So it goes, the railroads by an extension of courtesy have been victimized and robbed by the traveling public. The everyday traveler at all times has his eyes open to the chance to beat the public. And so widely has the influence spread that even staid, honest-going people, who travel only occasionally, have come to think it quite the thing to deal entirely with scalpers, and assist in whatever swindle may be necessary to effect a saving for themselves of a few dollars. We are glad that the railroads have decided at last to protect themselves from the dishonesty of people who claim to be more than respectable."

The Cat.

Notwithstanding the extreme cold weather a large crowd congregated at the gates of the New Castle jail Saturday morning, awaiting admission to the whippings.

The first candidate was E. J. Hollingsworth, a young man aged about 20 years, who pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery at the present term of court. He was sentenced to stand one hour in the pillory and be placed in solitary confinement for three months. He accepted the situation with apparently good grace.

Harrison Rothwell, alias "Sugar Awful," who has "been there before" was fastened to the post and Warden Nedrey administered five lashes with the "cat."

William Rothwell, his brother, and George Norris, each received ten lashes. The culprits squirmed considerable under the whipping. Both prisoners have hugged the post before.

John Beachan, colored, was given five lashes, and appeared satisfied when the performance was over.

Frank Playford, white charged with the larceny of a watch from J. B. Foard of Middletown, received twenty lashes and appeared to suffer considerable.

Sheriff Ford was unable to wield the "cat" on account of a sore hand.

Peninsula News.

— The Secretary of the Treasury last week pointed Theo. S. Crockett as keeper of Love Point Light House off Kent Island.

— It may be of interest to our readers, especially those who are applicants for federal offices, to know that Congressman Gibson is quartered at Willard's Hotel, while in Washington.

— F. Aldridge, a Republican has been deposed as route agent on the railroad between Chestertown and Clayton, and F. H. Greenwood, Democrat, has been appointed to the place.

— Mary Wilmore, an aged negress of Queen Anne's county, has come into a comfortable fortune through the death of her daughter at San Francisco, who ran away as a slave just before the war.

— The Milford *Chronicle* says that a shoe manufacturing firm of Allentown, Pa., is looking for a site to build a factory at Milford. The motive for the removal is to reduce the cost of living for the employes.

— The Farmers' Fruit Preserving Company's factory, at Five Points, was sold at sheriff's sale on Tuesday, for $4,750. Messrs. Peckering, Gildersleeve, Durborough and Ridgaway were the purchasers.

— The Delaware State Grange has appointed a committee of five, Jacob G. Brown, of Camden, Mrs. Jennie Brown of Camden, Prof. Webb, of Dover, Mr. and Mrs. Cole of Leipsic, to prepare an exhibit of fruits and flowers to exhibit at the next annual meeting of the Grange at Wilmington December next.—Ploughshare.

— The Choptank Savings Bank at Cambridge has concluded to suspend business and will pay off its depositors immediately. The bank is entirely solvent, the assets amounting to about $15,000. The most of the depositors are children, some of whom have several hundred dollars on deposit, saved from their own earnings. It has been in operation since July, 1881, and has declared an annual dividend of 3 per cent. on deposits.

— Hon. Stevenson Archer, State Treasurer-elect, of Maryland, has presented his bond to Gov. Lloyd, in the sum of $200,000, with Messrs. Stevenson A. Williams, J. Thos. C. Hopkins, Hon. Edwin H. Webster, Henry W. Archer, P. Howard, Allen Hoffman and Joseph M. Streets, all of Howard county, as bondsmen. The bond was approved on the 3d inst. Mr. Archer entered upon the duties of his office on Tuesday.

— Representative Compton delievered an address before the Maryland Democratic Association in Washington on Tuesday night in which he expressed his total disbelief in civil service reform; said he would have voted against the bill had he been in Congress when it passed, and would be delighted to have a chance to vote for its repeal now. He believed in democrats running a democratic administration.

— The citizens of Millington are moving in the direction of securing two mail deliveries daily. There is now but one, that of the morning. The evening mail from the North is brought to Chestertown, where it remains over night, and is not delivered until the following morning, when it is left by the north bound train. Arrangements can be effected whereby it could be made up at Townsend and delivered at night by the South bound train.

— The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peninsular Bone Fertilizer Co., was held in Smyrna on Tuesday, when a dividend of six per cent. was declared out of the earnings. The following board of directors was elected: John E. Tygert, John R. Robinson, Dr. J. R. Shreve, F. E. Postles, G. Speakman, J. M. Ernest and W. G. Pierce. They elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: President, J. E. Tygert; Secretary and Treasurer, W. G. Pierce; General Manager F. E. Postles.

— Louis H. Bicks of East Cambridge, during the past month or so, has had correspondence with the American consul at Bombay, India, in reference to a fortune which he is supposed to have inherited from the death of two brothers-in-law who owned a line of steamers that plied between India and England and were otherwise immensly rich. Mr. Bicks thinks his share will amount to about $400,000, which most people would be glad to see him get, if he would use it in improving Cambridge.—Cambridge News.

— The supper given by the ladies of Grace Presbyterian Church at Kennedyville was, notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the weather and bad roads, quite an unexpected success. The amount realized above all expenses was over sixty dollars. The ornamental patched sofa cushion presented by Miss Carrie and Mrs. Edward Hurlock brought over eighteen dollars. Two ladies, through solicitors, competed for the same and Miss Racie Archibald, of Kennedyville, was the successful winner. Revs. Martin, Reese and Norris, of three different evangelical churches, and Mr. Davies, the school teacher, were each presented with a cake.

— Mrs. Hayes of Lewisville, Kent county, has recently been swindled out of $24 by letting a Gypsy woman tie it up in three different parcels of $9, $8 and $7, and then hide it in order to let a charm double its value. After two weeks of waiting Mrs. Hayes brought the parcels from their hiding places expecting to find $18, $16 and $14 respectively. Of course she found nothing, and the constable who pursued the Gypsies to Brenford, with a warrant for the swindler, found nothing too. A young woman of Lewisville allowed this same swindler to sit on her flannel gown "for luck." After talking awhile she made the young woman forget her garment, and then went away taking it along.—News.

— Temperance Instruction in Schools. Friends of the prohibition movement in Maryland are expected to urge on the Legislature the passage of a bill requiring all schools supported at public expense or under State control to give instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. Fourteen States, it is said, have already enacted similar legislation. Petitions favoring this object are now being circulated in this county and are receiving numerous signatures. The question does not immediately touch the right to sell liquors but seeks the opportunity of public school instruction to influence the rising generation against the greatest curse of all the ages—drunkenness.—Kent News.

— About 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the residence occupied by Dr. James L. Bryan, in Cambridge, was discovered to be on fire and burned rapidly to the ground. The fire was breaking through the roof of the right wing in every direction when the discovery was made, and by the time the fire department reached the scene, through the blinding snowstorm prevailing at the time, the roof was falling in and the fire had spread almost over the entire building. The back buildings were saved after great effort, as also some articles of furniture including a piano. The fire department could render comparatively little assistance. The fire originated in a defective flue. Dr. Bryan's loss will amount to several thousand dollars, with an insurance of $1,000.—Fredericksburg Courier.

The Levy Court.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY TREASURER HERBERT.

The levy court held a meeting Tuesday morning with all the members in attendance. By permission of the court, County Treasurer Herbert was given the floor. He submitted the following statement of the assessment of the different hundreds, together with the amount due and the amount paid for county and poor taxes for the year 1885 by the several collectors for said county to date:

TOTAL ASSESSMENT FOR 1885.

Brandywine hundred	$ 2,557,900
Wilmington, northern district	13,439,737
Wilmington, southern district	11,980,903
Christiana	3,261,110
Mill Creek	2,307,193
White Clay Creek	1,562,179
Pencader	1,524,910
New Castle	3,482,855
Red Lion	1,456,164
St. Georges	3,299,912
Appoquinimink	1,373,898
Blackbird	923,117
Total	$47,068,938

The total given at the tax rate of 50 cents on the $100 yields a revenue of $235,345.69. Of this amount $132,805 have been collected, leaving a balance due subject to errors and commission of $102,539.69. The statement does not include dog nor negro school tax.

Following are the amounts of county and poor tax for 1885, levied in the several hundreds; Brandywine hundred $12,-739.80; Wilmington, north district, $67,-198.68; Wilmington, south district, $39,-404.52; Christiana, $16,305.55; Mill Creek, $11,535.96; White Clay Creek, $7,810.89; Pencader, $7,642.55; New Castle, $17,414.-28; Red Lion, $7,280.82; St. Georges, $16,-499.57; Appoquinimink, $6,864.49; Blackbird, $4,615.56.

The following amounts of the tax for 1885 have been paid by collectors to date: William Wilson, Brandywine hundred, $5,357; Patrick Neary, Wilmington, Northern district, $40,000; John T. Dickey, Wilmington, Southern district, $40,000; Thomas J. Hanley, Christiana, $9,000; Lewis Derickson, Mill Creek, $9,321; Andrew J. Mote, White Clay Creek, $5,500; John B. LeFevre, Pencader, $4,800; William B. McCoy, New Castle, $10,000; George A. Bright, Red Lion, $4,000; Purnal J. Lynch, St. Georges, $2,910: Francis T. Perry, Appoquinimink, $3,017; B. F. C. Rothwell, Blackbird, $500; total, $133,405.

The following figures give the amounts in which the hundreds are behind in payments as compared with last year: Brandywine hundred, $3,643; Christiana, $4,000 Mill Creek, $697; White Clay Creek $500; Pencader, $600; New Castle, $3,000; Red Lion, $1,000; St. Georges, $3,090; Appoquinimink, $1,368; Blackbird, $2,500. The collectors of both districts of Wilmington are $8,000 each ahead of the payments of this time last year.

The court upon motion went into caucus at 10.30 o'clock and remained closeted until noon, when it adjourned until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The levy court met Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, with all the members in attendance, and Chairman Taylor presiding. After the routine duties had been discharged, upon motion of Mr. Haman the court went into an election for county officers. The candidates selected by the caucus yesterday were put in nomination by Mr. Haman, under a suspension of the rules, and were elected viva voce. There was not a dissenting voice raised during the election. All the officers chosen are incumbents of the respective officers to which they were-elected. Following is the list:

County Treasurer—William Herbert, New Castle.

County Collectors—Brandywine hundred, Wm. Wilson; Wilmington, Northern district, Patrick Neary; Wilmington, Southern district, John T. Dickey; Christiana, Thomas J. Hanley; Mill Creek, Lewis Derickson; White Clay Creek, Andrew J. Mote; Pencader John B. LeFevre; New Castle, William McCoy, Red Lion, George N. Bright; St. Georges; Purnal J. Lynch; Appoquinimink hundred, F. T. Perry; Blackbird, B. F. C. Rothwell.

Trustees of the Poor, for three years—Brandywine hundred, Thomas G. Bird; St. Georges, Nathaniel Williams; Appoquinimink, George M. D. Hart; Blackbird, Samuel Armstrong.

Attorney for the Court—John H. Rodney.

Day Janitor—H. T. Kyle.
Night Watchman—John M. Enos.
Fireman—James O'Donnell.
Keeper of Clock—Hamilton Ayars.

When the nomination of Mr. Williams was made there were emphatic and vigorous seconds from four or five members. His name was then presented for election and the boisterous shouts of "aye" from the 11 members fairly made the court-room rock. The same din though less emphatic was created over Mr. Hart's nomination and election, and as each were chosen there were glances which seemed to say, "We were going to do it anyhow," directed by some of the members toward the desk occupied by *Every Evening's* representative.

When Mr. Kyle was nominated, Chairman Taylor stated that the court-house attaches would be elected subject to removal of the building committee. Mr. Haman, in a stage whisper, remarked ironically in reply: "That's very kind."

A communication from the managers of the Ferris Reform School requesting the appointment of William D. Pickels a special constable was laid over until March, the time for appointing such officers.

At the afternoons session of the court a motion by Mr. Hickman providing for the appointment of a committee to purchase a van to convey prisoners to and from the county jail was adopted. Messrs. Hickman, Grubb, Haman, McCracken and Toy were named as the committee.

Committees were also appointed to settle with the trustees of the poor and the county treasurer. The former consists of Messrs. Rothwell, Shallcross and Morrison and the latter Messrs. Chears, Haman and Mackey.

The court has resumed its work of revising the assessment list, and will finish the work probably by to-day.—[Every Evening.

The Country Editor.

The life of the country editor is thus portrayed by the immortal Josh Billings:

"An editor is a man whose bizziness is to investigate a nuspaper. He writes editorials, grinds out poetry, inserts deaths and weddings, sorts manuscript keeps a waste basket, blows up the devil, steals matter, fites out other peoples battles, takes white beans and apple sass for pay when he can get it, raises a large family, works nineteen hours out of twenty-four, nose no Sunday, gets damed bi every body, lives poor, dies middle aged and often broken harted, leaves no munny, is rewarded for a life of toil by a short free obituary puff in the opersition nuspaper."

Use BRAGDON'S Teaberry Tooth Powder.

MARRIED.

GEARS—ARMSTRONG.—In Wilmington, by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 10th, 1886, Cyrus P. Gears to Miss Annie F. Armstrong, both of Middletown.

RICHTOR—REEDER.—On the evening of Feb. 10th, at the residence of the bride's parents near Blackbird, by Rev. I. D. Johnson, James A. Buckson and Miss Fannie V. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Reeder, of New Castle, Co.

LUCAS—MASON.—At the home of the bride, Sassafras, Md., by Rev. O. S. Walton, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Dec. 25d, 1886, B. F. Lucas and Miss Ella Mason, all of Kent county.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

WHEAT—No. 1,	95	CORN—	
No. 2,	90	Yellow,	40@00
Timothy Seed	2 50	White, "	40@00
Clover Seed, ℔ bu	12	Oats,	30@00

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS & CO.

Eggs, ℔ doz	28@30c
Butter, ℔ lb	18@22c
Lard, ℔ lb	7@09c
Chickens, dressed	10@11c
" live	7@08c
Ducks, dressed	9@10c
Turkeys	13@15c
Geese, dressed	7@08c
Potatoes, ℔ bask new	30@35c
" ℔ bushel	50@60c

A Tough Question.

"Is there a law in Delaware which prohibits a man from marrying his widow's sister?" was a question propounded by the Longfellow Literary Society for debate.—New Castle Star.

Departure of Mails.

Mails going north leave as follows: 7.40 A. M. 11.25 A. M., and 5.20 P. M.

Mails going south close as follows: 9.20 A. M., and 7.10 P. M.

Body Snatchers.

A number of colored men and a colored woman have been arrested in Kent county, Md., for body snatching. The gang is suspected of having operated there, especially in the cemetery at Chestertown, for over a year. One of the men arrested is a "Doctor" Taylor, an herb and root quack, who, it is thought, used to keep the snatchers informed concerning probable subjects. Sam Robinson, a thorough negro, and Tom Hazleton, a mulatto, are regarded as the principals, while Dan Cooper, a harmless, idle fellow, Mary Smith, Cooper's mother, and George Baynard have also been arrested as accessories.

Sales to Take Place.

Following are the public sales which will take place during the coming month:—

Monday March 1st, 1886—Sale of Farm stock, implements and personal property by Miles Clark at Kirkwood Del.

Wednesday March 3, 1886—Sale of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., by Andrew Belville near St. Georges.

Tuesday, Feb. 16th.—Stock, farming implements and personal property, by A. P. Carnagy, administrator of David Warren, deceased.

Monday, Feb. 22d.—Personal property etc., by Edward M. Callister, near Delaware City.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1886.—Large sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by J. B. Cazier, at Mt. Vernon Place, near Kirkwood, Del.

Tuesday, Feb. 23d.—Large sale of stock, farming implements, personal property, etc., by Macomb Clayton, at his farm near Middletown.

Wednesday, Feb. 24th.—Mrs. Thos. Price, administratrix of Thos. T. Price, deceased, near Cecilton, Md., sale of stock, personal property, etc.

Thursday, Feb. 25th.—Stock, farming utensils, etc., by James McMullin and Edward Boulden, administrators of George Boulden, deceased, near Glasgow, Del.

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Wanamaker's.

PHILADELPHIA, February 8, 1886.

French printed sateens are here.

For several years we have differed with the rest of the market as to what should be the drift of the season's styles. Some years ago New York led off with enormous gorgeous floral figures, importers, fashion-papers and all. We had plain grounds with tiny and dainty simple figures. You took your choice. We sold the sateens that year.

Every year we have differed with the rest of the world of sateens, through never, perhaps, so sharply again. It's a matter of guess-work. There must be something new every year. There isn't beauty enough to go around and give so constant a fabric every year a beautiful style so crisp that a phrase can single it out.

We don't know yet what is in the market elsewhere. Here are a hundred styles or two, all new but the inevitable dots and rings and little checks; not only new but new in a different way from new before. It isn't easy, though, to put their newness into words.

Take a pretty example: ground of light brown half-covered with kernels of barley sprinkled over it singly, in twos, in threes, as if sown by the farmer—you see no twos or threes—they are helter-skelter, just as barley falls from the sower's hand. The barley kernels are tinged with morning red on the shades of twilight.

But what of a single picture out of a gallery!

The figures are simple, the colors slight; the grounds are important, the figures secondary. Character not so strongly marked, or rather not so uniform. Variety all the easier.

The price is 37½c a yard.

Northwest from the centre.

American printed sateens in the styles of our last year's French, 12½c,

Northwest from the centre.

We filled two big windows the other day with crinkled seersuckers—more than a hundred different stripes and plaids—and women are asking what they are—"Are they flannels?" "Are they velvets?" "Are they cloths?"

Well! well! If the seersucker makers have cheated you into asking such questions, we must put a card in those windows.

But wouldn't you like to look at the seersuckers taken for flannels and cloths and velvets at wearing distance! 18 and 25c.

Northwest from the centre.

The first spring dress-cloth: a mixture of colors, a dozen different combinations, most of them light; a simple basket woof; yarns well apart in pairs; an abundant nap pressed into the texture filling the open spaces; soft wool, a little hairy; the fabric rough in look and smooth to the touch, 38-inch, 50c.

Southeast from the centre.

Plain gros-grain silk of twenty acceptable colors of quality such as you look for at half-a-dollar higher, $1.25.

East Transept.

Black surah for summer, light, not over-close in the weaving, frail-feeling, substantial, durable, clean, dust flies off from it, practical, useful economical, one of the pleasantest summer dress-stuffs—24-inch black surah 75 cents to $2; not a penny higher.

West Transept.

Writing-papers, envelopes, engravings for social and festive occasions, go over among the Books.

The record of this part of our business is one of continuous improvement and growth.

The stationery business began in the early days of the store with a little stock of common papers, envelopes, school-children's supplies, etc. Not long after Books were added, beginning with almost nothing. Miscellaneous stationery next. A little later the little beginning in books has grown to be one of the largest of bookstores and decidedly the leading one, the little slate-and-pencil-and-school-bag counter has grown to be probably quite the largest miscellaneous family stationery business, the paper-and-envelope and social-and-festive-engraving business has become not only the largest in Philadelphia but has made its mark on the trade by selling at ream and thousand prices whatever the quautity.

The cause of these three successes appears to be one to make us ashamed of failure in anything, viz., the throng in the store from year's end to year's end. But there's many a way to miss success in spite of the throng. We haven't chosen to follow those many and easy ways. There are bookstores and stationers all along the crowded streets in every city. Only a few are prosperous. Why? They, most of them, follow those easy ways to failure. You are won by generous dealing.

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P. S.—Odessa Hotel, Odessa, March 1st and 2nd, Smyrna House, Smyrna, 5th and 6th.

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NOTICE.

Sale Postponed.

Notice is hereby given that the sale of personal property, stock, and farming utensils of George H. Houston, near Mt. Pleasant, is adjourned for Monday, February 15th, at 10 o'clock a. m. GEORGE H. HOUSTON.

NOTICE.

FARMERS.

I will be at Alex. Maxwell's Hotel TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH and 17TH, to meet farmers to contract for TOMATOES for my cannery in Middletown for the present year.

12feb-1t H. L. ARTHUR.

Town Election.

On Monday, March 1st, 1886.

An Election will be held in the Town of Middletown, New Castle County, State of Delaware, at the

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